

State Representative Elizabeth M. Coggs **WIS-ENEWS-10**



Representatives Elizabeth M. Coggs & Leon D. Young

Dear Friend,

Last night at 9:15pm, the Co-Chairs of JFC announced they would no longer accept registrations for testimony on SS SB11, the mini budget. Senator Miller and I both sent letters requesting they continue to allow testimony from the public given the importance of the issue and the number of folks wishing to speak. Because of our request, the co-chairs extended the hearing a little longer but then adjourned at around 3:00 am. At that time, there were more than 300 people still waiting to have their voices heard, many of whom had not been allowed to even register.

State Representative Elizabeth M. Coggs and Representative Leon Young had an opportunity to chair the public hearing in Madison, Wisconsin today and heard heart breaking testimony from Wisconsin Residents over and over again of how they would lose on worker rights and basic human rights.

Thousands of citizens have taken time off of work to practice civil disobedience and protest the Governor Walker's Emergency Repair Bill.

Representative Young said I thank the hundreds of people in the audience for their hard work and dedication as public employees and commend them in keeping this state safe, secure, protected and educated. We must work together to defeat this measure let us protect our state of Wisconsin and keep it moving forward."

Representative Elizabeth M. Coggs shared a few comments "years ago Dr. Martin L. King, Jr campaigned for worker rights in Memphis, Tennessee with the I Am Man worker boycotted; today we as citizens say I am man, I am woman, I am a worker and I must have my worker's rights. We must take our power to the ballot box and stand up to those who want to set us back fifty years...this is just a pre cursor of what will be done in the next two years not only in Wisconsin but across this country."

This is a manufactured crisis; a budget repair bill is not required. Republicans are using a more than \$3 billion deficit as an excuse to enact their radical agenda, which does NOT help the deficit. According to the non-partisan Legislative Fiscal Bureau, state agencies collectively requested \$3.9 billion in new spending requests from agencies are not a real deficit – requests are never all approved. When you subtract an increase in projected revenues from inflated agency budget requests, you can see simply that this is a manufactured budget crisis that isn't real, just an excuse

for more radical proposals. This bill does nothing to address shortfalls with Minnesota tax reciprocity and Injured Patients Compensation Fund – two things Walker uses as the justification for having a budget adjustment bill. Just say “NO.”

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